

San Francisco, Nov. 26.—According to report brought by the collier, Justin, which arrived yesterday, from Manila, another Boeger outbreak is

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THE GREAT GRAFT SYSTEM.

The United States rejoice (1) in a tariff which is the envy and idol of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association—a splendid example of a tariff whose stature a member of that association has aptly if inadvertently likened to the gallowes erected by Her Majesty. Nor does the similarity end with the attitudes of the structures. There is a similarity of purpose also. They were erected, the one to protect the other in greed; one to wreak the vengeance of a privileged, favored and wealthy courtier on a helpless and friendless plebeian; the other to protect the engine by which a privileged, favored and wealthy manufacturer is enabled to extort the product of his labors from the unprivileged, the unprotected and unprotected consumer. The inscription of the former might have aptly been "Death to Almonds"; the motto inscribed on the latter should be "The consumer be hanged."

Testimony to this similarity of purpose is borne by a no less well-informed party than a member of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association—an organization which represents quite to the boundary the tariff views to which the Canadian Association gives its hearty sympathy and vigorous advocacy. Mr. H. E. Miles, president of the Association of Importers and Exporters, Manufacturers of the United States, and chairman of the Tariff Committee of the Manufacturers' Association offers this testimony in an article in "American Review," discussing "How the Tariff Affects Our Business." Mr. Miles says: "I have made money every year out of the tariff graft. Not much, but a little." Explaining how the tariff grafts out Mr. Miles says the firms which supplied him with materials "have consolidated or formed trusts and have raised their rates 25 to 50 per cent." This increased cost was passed along in this way. "The tariff 'themselves' raised their price \$50,000 to 'me.' I made the charge against the 'jobber' of \$50,000, and I know that 'he' charged more than \$70,000 for the \$50,000 he paid me. Before reaching 'the consumer' the \$50,000 charge 'came about \$100,000, to be paid by 'the agricultural consumer.'"

This little chain in which Mr. Miles himself formed a link was only an illustration of the process of commercial graft which the high tariff made possible along every avenue of industrial life. The imposition of the 40 per cent tariff was simply an invitation to the manufacturers everywhere to combine, raise prices and beat themselves. The consumer was delivered into their hands, gagged and bound, and they were invited to rifle his pockets and divide the spoils. Needless to say, they did so. The producers of raw material raised their prices, and to enable themselves to do so, combined. The "primary" manufacturers—those who produce the raw material into forms in which it in turn becomes material for the factories which turn out the completed article—followed suit. The manufacturers who bought this material and turned it into finished articles went and did likewise. The wholesalers to whom the manufacturers advanced their prices, admitted the wisdom of the precedent by emulating it. The retailer could not ignore so excellent an example, and promptly copied it. Thus when the finished article was finally delivered to the consumer, it was loaded with a series of profits charged up against it for the tariff, but that the tariff permitted it, and that the consumer could not help himself. He was the man at the end of the line, and found his pocket empty every dollar added to its price by any of the long train of agencies through whose hands it passed en route to him. So long as the final price was not more than 45 per cent. higher than it would cost him to import the article he could do no better than pay that price. At all told, Mr. Miles estimates that for this succession of rakes-off, imposed on every manufactured article at every step of its journey from the raw material to the possession of the consumer, the "people as a whole are losing not less than \$500,000,000 per year."

This is neither the declaration of a rabid free trader nor of a man ignorant of his subject. It comes from one who has been, and is, a beneficiary of the tariff of the United States, and from one selected by the organized beneficiaries of that tariff as chairman of their tariff committee. His knowledge cannot be doubted; nor could he have any intelligible purpose in exaggerating the abuses of a system which puts money in his pocket. He must be admitted both as speaking with authority and as speaking the truth. The inevitable conclusion to which he leads is that the tariff system of that country is an enormous agency of commercial graft; that it enhances prices without shadow of either reason or necessity and fosters combine to maintain them; that it changes commerce into robbery by turning over the whole consuming population of the country to be plundered at will by the protected interests.

In there is this nothing of direct concern to Canada? We have here a Manufacturers' Association clamoring for a tariff modified and fashioned on that of the United States. We have a political party clamoring for power on a platform which can bear no other intelligent construction than a willingness to inaugurate the tariff demanded by the Manufacturers' Association. It is the claim of that party that a "Human's gallowes" tariff would produce in Canada the same forms and degrees of commercial development produced in the United States. In what other light can this be regarded or by what other standard be described than as an attempt to introduce here the process of commercial graft which a manufacturer himself declared to have rendered the American consumer a victim of robbery under law? High tariff is graft; tariff suit can produce only its like.

TRIBUTES.

At the annual meeting of the Medicine Hat Liberal Association, the following resolutions were passed in regard to the Canadian Manufacturers' Association.

Resolved—That this association places upon record its unqualified confidence in the integrity and good government of Alberta under the leadership of the Hon. Dr. Rutherford, who has taken to his cabinet ministers and capable ministers who are thoroughly conversant with Provincial requirements.

We commend his policy of government ownership of the public utilities, the telephone and telegraph, and point with pride to the fact that his government is leading the way in matters of such vital importance to the people of this province.

We note also that active steps have been taken to advance the educational interests of the province in that no time has been lost in the establishing of a provincial university, normal school and many new public school districts, while at the same time the material interests of the province are receiving due attention of roads, bridges and the establishment of creameries and other works and institutions calculated to assist the rancher and farmer.

Tribute was paid to the Hon. Frank Oliver in the following resolution:

Resolved—That this association expresses entire confidence in the Hon. Frank Oliver, Minister of the Interior, in his administration of the important department of the Dominion public service wherein he has shown great executive ability and a wide view of the public questions affecting the welfare of Western Canada.

For many years Mr. Oliver has represented Alberta in the House of Commons and at all occasions has been found fighting strenuously for the rights of his Western constituents, whose needs and requirements he so thoroughly understands.

We desire to express the hope that at the next session of the House the proposed land bill, which is many desirable principles and which is calculated to help the new settler will become law.

ON THE SIDE.

"In God We Trust" has been dropped from the gold coinage of the United States. Is this an admission?

A London despatch announces with no appearance of intended humor that the Imperial Government will pay pensions to all South African veterans who show signs of sound mind and body. The years of the war. This looks much like a premium for the encouragement of mortality. It might be more effective if it amounted when, where and in what species the debt would be discharged.

Lethbridge Conservative against Mr. McGrath as candidate for the House of Commons last week, in face of repeated assurances from that gentleman that he would not accept the honor. After the nomination he was again asked to stand, and again declined, adding that he would guarantee no party candidate neither influence nor support.

WHY NO ACTION?

(Winnipeg Tribune.)
 An Edmonton dispatch announces that the Lumber Combine case for Alberta will come up before the Supreme Court for trial on Monday.
 This would indicate that, in Alberta,

they have a way of doing things that looks sincere.

In Manitoba, we seem to have a way of not doing the same sort of things that looks decidedly insincere.

It is a month or more since action was supposed to be started in the Provincial Police Court, in Winnipeg, against the alleged Combine that is accused of unlawfully controlling the lumber business here.

Up to date nothing has resulted from the sweating out of warrants, etc. No criminal trial has taken place and nothing is heard of it.

What has happened the steam in the Attorney-General's boiler department?

What has happened the legal machinery?

Is there a cog displaced, or a bolt missing or has the engineer gone on strike?

The public would like to know what is the cause of the sudden stop of an activity, which occurred immediately after a start had been made.

Will Hon. Colin Campbell, the gentleman responsible for proceeding under the Criminal Code, kindly explain?

HON. GEORGE P. GRAHAM.
 (Dominion Presbyterian.)

Queen's University the other day contained a list of covered distinctions on the Hon. George P. Graham, the new Minister of Railways and Canals in the Dominion Government, and in no doing took a course which was not calculated to be generally accepted than that above alluded to. Mr. Graham is a man of high character, as befits his ancestry and upbringing, and is a worthy Methodist minister. As a speaker he brings to his addresses a frankness of appeal, a freedom of the humor, a liberty of expression, and an understanding of the "other side of the street" not often found in combination. These qualities manifested themselves in a noticeable extent during Mr. Graham's occupancy of the position of leader of the Opposition in the Ontario Legislature.

His long connection with journalism, like Mr. Fielding's, or like the late Thomas Wilson's, has given him versatility and quickness, yet these qualities which are the result of a firm and quiet judgment. A tireless worker, clean in public and private life, his many friends confidently predict he will reflect no discredit on the distinction bestowed upon him by Queen's university, and that he will be found in the ranks of those who are anxious to promote the things that are best in the national life of Canada.

REGISTRATION IN WINNIPEG.

Remarkable Method of Registering Voters Disclosed at Court of Revision.

Winnipeg, Nov. 25.—(Editorial.)—Name placed on the Kinross list of non-personal registration in June last were apportioned to the revision of the non-personal voters list before Judge Myers on Saturday afternoon. After hearing of some remarkable evidence the court decided to strike off 38 of them and to allow the remaining 16 to remain on the list. Of the number left on the majority resulted from cases in which these appeared failed to appear, and thus virtually any definite evidence could not be secured about them.

W. A. Farmer, T. C. Kennedy and W. N. Denke put in applications for registration for the majority of the persons appealed. They made declarations of the application before J. K. H. who was clerk at the June registration in Kinross. According to the forms of application any one who applies for registration for another person has to declare that the person is ill or otherwise absent from the city and thus unable to appear at the polls, personally to register; that the person is over the age of 21 years and a British subject and that he has resided in the city for at least six months before the date of registration.

The evidence went to show that in many cases Messrs. Kennedy and Farmer had not been possessed of sufficient information to legally register the persons for whom they made registration declarations. The city solicitor remarked that a thousand names might be put on the city list in one ward if the registration were allowed to be carried on in the manner which had obtained in Kinross.

New York Wants Canadian Bill.
 Montreal, Nov. 25.—Canada is enjoying the novel experience of having "bank bills" in demand at par in United States territory. Ordinarily, theatrical companies doing business in Canada remit their net receipts to their United States agents in bank drafts. Not however, the companies have received word to remit in Canadian bills, as there is trouble in obtaining cash for the drafts in New York. The manager of the Savoy Grand Opera Company, playing in Montreal last week, received word from a Canadian bank in place of drafts, and this was done by exchange.

United States manufacturers with Canadian banks are also after the same plan, having notified their representatives in Montreal that they expect to place bills doing business with Quebec and St. Louis.

Steve Adams Gets Bail.
 Baltimore, Md., Nov. 25.—Steve Adams, jury in whose trial for the murder of Tyler, reported a disagreement, was today admitted to bail fixed at \$20,000. Attorney Darrow, for the defendant, had asked that Adams be rearrested on a warrant charging him with the murder of Arthur Collins. The trial is set for Dec. 10. Attorneys Darrow and Collins will once for all be at the foot of the gallows.

Cleveland's Illness Exaggerated.
 Princeton, N.J., Nov. 25.—It is declared at the residence of Governor Cleveland today that his reported illness has been exaggerated. He has been suffering from an attack of indigestion only, from which he fully recovered.

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